

WILLIAM HUMPHREY—CHILDREN OF.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 723.]

JANUARY 16, 1857.

Mr. BROOM, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to which was referred the petition of the heirs of William Humphrey, a revolutionary soldier, ask leave to report:*

That upon a careful examination of the papers referred with the petition, it appears that William Humphrey served full seventeen months.

The declaration of the soldier himself gives a detail of his service in the years 1780 and 1781, under various officers, naming Captain Holt Richardson, and Colonel Dabney, by the latter of whom he was discharged after the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown, in October, 1781. And Edward Barker, a revolutionary soldier, testifies to William Humphrey's service in Colonel Dabney's third regiment of Virginia troops at Yorktown. The court also certifies that after propounding the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, they are of opinion that he served as stated in his declaration. The Rev. James Brumfield, and Alfred H. Atkins, both testify their belief that he was a revolutionary soldier—that he was always so reputed in his neighborhood. Your committee, therefore, report a bill for the relief of the children.

